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20 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
21 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
22 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

23 WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC.,
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25 Plaintiff,
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27 v.
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29 AMAZON.COM, INC.,
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31 Defendant.

Case No.: 18-cv-07548-EDL

**PLAINTIFF WILLIAMS-SONOMA,
INC.'S ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE
DEFENSES TO AMAZON.COM, INC.'S
COUNTERCLAIMS**

Judge: Honorable Elizabeth D. Laporte

1 Plaintiff Williams-Sonoma, Inc. (“WSI”), hereby sets forth its answer and affirmative
2 defenses to Defendant Amazon.com, Inc.’s (“Amazon”) Counterclaims (“Counterclaims”). The
3 numbered paragraphs in this Answer correspond to the numbered paragraphs of the
4 counterclaims. Certain headings used by Amazon in the Counterclaims are restated below for
5 ease of reference, but no admissions are made thereby as the headings are not allegations
6 requiring an answer. WSI denies all allegations that it does not expressly admit.

7 **PARTIES**

8 1. WSI does not contest that Amazon is a corporation and organized under the Laws
9 of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 410 Terry Avenue North, Seattle, Washington
10 98109.

11 2. WSI admits the allegations in Paragraph 2.

12 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

13 3. WSI admits that Amazon purports to bring claims under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C.
14 § 101 *et seq.*, and the Declaratory Judgments Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

15 4. WSI does not contest that this Court may assert subject matter jurisdiction over
16 Amazon’s claims. Any remaining allegations in this paragraph are legal conclusions to which no
17 response is required.

18 5. WSI does not contest personal jurisdiction over WSI in this action and further
19 admits that it filed its First Amended and Supplemental Complaint (“FAC”) in this District and
20 that its principal place of business is located in this District. Any remaining allegations in this
21 paragraph are legal conclusions to which no response is required.

22 6. WSI admits that venue is proper in this District in this action and further admits
23 that its principal place of business is located in this District. Any remaining allegations in this
24 paragraph are legal conclusions to which no response is required.

25 **FIRST COUNTERCLAIM – ’452 PATENT**

26 7. WSI incorporates by reference its responses to Paragraphs 1 through 6 as if set
27 forth herein.
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1 8. WSI admits that Amazon purports to bring claims under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C.
2 § 101 *et seq.*, and the Declaratory Judgments Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

3 9. WSI admits the allegations in Paragraph 9.

4 10. WSI admits that it alleges the '452 patent is valid and infringed and that Amazon
5 contends otherwise in its Answer and Counterclaims. Any remaining allegations in this
6 paragraph are legal conclusions to which no response is required.

7 11. WSI denies each and every allegation contained in this paragraph.

8 12. WSI denies each and every allegation contained in this paragraph.

9 **SECOND COUNTERCLAIM – '823 PATENT**

10 13. WSI incorporates by reference its responses to Paragraphs 1 through 12 as if set
11 forth herein.

12 14. WSI admits that Amazon purports to bring claims under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C.
13 § 101 *et seq.*, and the Declaratory Judgments Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

14 15. WSI admits the allegations in Paragraph 15.

15 16. WSI admits that it alleges the '823 patent is valid and infringed and that Amazon
16 contends otherwise in its Answer and Counterclaims. Any remaining allegations in this
17 paragraph are legal conclusions to which no response is required.

18 17. WSI denies each and every allegation contained in this paragraph.

19 18. WSI denies each and every allegation contained in this paragraph.

20 **THIRD COUNTERCLAIM – '822 PATENT**

21 19. WSI incorporates by reference its responses to Paragraphs 1 through 18 as if set
22 forth herein.

23 20. WSI admits that Amazon purports to bring claims under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C.
24 § 101 *et seq.*, and the Declaratory Judgments Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

25 21. WSI admits the allegations in Paragraph 21.

26 22. WSI admits that it alleges the '822 patent is valid and infringed and that Amazon
27 contends otherwise in its Answer and Counterclaims. Any remaining allegations in this
28 paragraph are legal conclusions to which no response is required.

1 23. WSI denies each and every allegation contained in this paragraph.

2 24. WSI denies each and every allegation contained in this paragraph.

3 **FOURTH COUNTERCLAIM – '750 PATENT**

4 25. WSI incorporates by reference its responses to Paragraphs 1 through 24 as if set
5 forth herein.

6 26. WSI admits that Amazon purports to bring claims under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C.
7 § 101 *et seq.*, and the Declaratory Judgments Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

8 27. WSI admits the allegations in Paragraph 27.

9 28. WSI admits that it alleges the '750 patent is valid and infringed and that Amazon
10 contends otherwise in its Answer and Counterclaims. Any remaining allegations in this
11 paragraph are legal conclusions to which no response is required.

12 29. WSI denies each and every allegation contained in this paragraph.

13 30. WSI denies each and every allegation contained in this paragraph.

14 **WSI'S AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

15 For its further and separate affirmative defenses to the Counterclaims, and without
16 conceding the burden of production or proof as to any of the following, WSI alleges as follows:

17 **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

18 *(Failure to State a Claim)*

19 Amazon fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

20 **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

21 *(Validity)*

22 WSI's '452, '823, '822, and '750 Patents ("Asserted Patents") are valid and satisfy the
23 conditions of patentability set forth in 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.*

24 **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

25 *(Infringement)*

26 Amazon has infringed and continues to infringe the Asserted Patents by making, using,
27 selling, and offering for sale products including the Rivet Modern Upholstered Orb Office Chair,
28 the Rivet Retro Two-Orb Tree Lamp, Glass Globe and Marble Table Lamp, the Bowlyn Mid-

1 Century Modern Wood Coffee Table, and the Rivet Modern Wood Coffee Table, 24"W, White
2 Brass and Walnut, in the United States, that embody or use the designs claimed in the Asserted
3 Patents.

4 **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

5 *(Waiver)*

6 Amazon has waived the right, if any, to pursue its claims by reason of its own actions and
7 course of conduct, including but not limited to the doctrine of unclean hands.

8 **FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

9 *(Reservation of Rights)*

10 WSI reserves all affirmative defenses under Rule 8(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil
11 Procedure, the Patent Laws of the United States and any other defenses, at law or in equity that
12 may now exist or in the future be available based on discovery and further factual investigation in
13 this suit.

14 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

15 WHEREFORE, WSI prays for the following relief:

16 A. That the Court dismiss the Counterclaims brought in this action by Amazon with
17 prejudice and that Amazon take nothing thereby;

18 B. That the Court enter judgment in favor of WSI and against Amazon;

19 C. That WSI be awarded its attorneys' fees, disbursement and costs, and expenses
20 incurred related Amazon's Counterclaims; and

21 D. That WSI be awarded such further and necessary relief as the Court finds just and
22 proper.

23 **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

24 WSI demands a trial by jury of all issues triable by a jury.
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1 Dated: July 1, 2019

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Annette L. Hurst, certify that on the 1st of July 2019, I caused the foregoing document to be electronically transmitted to the Clerk of the Court using the ECF System for filing and transmittal of a Notice of Electronic Filing to the ECF registrants and attorneys of record in this case.

/s/ Annette L. Hurst
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